



Disposing of Animal Carcasses



Prompt and sanitary disposal of animal carcasses is necessary to protect the living animals in an area from disease.

Search all pastures for dead animals as soon as possible. Carcasses may have some commercial value, so send them to a rendering plant if possible. If rendering is impractical, dispose of the dead animals on the premises. Use the following procedures:

Immediately after finding a carcass, cover it with crude oil or kerosene to keep away dogs, buzzards and vermin.

- Fat swine are the only animal carcasses that will burn satisfactorily.
- Used railroad ties can be used as starters for a fire.
- Bury other carcasses. Use power equipment if it is available.
- Choose a site where subsurface drainage will not reach water supplies.
- Bury the carcasses at least 3 to 4 feet deep, so predatory animals won't be able to reach them.
- If quicklime is available, cover carcasses with it before backfilling. Quicklime will hasten decomposition.
- Contact your local county animal control office for guidelines.

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